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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Parruck et al.
Appl. No. : 09/976,310
Filed : October 12, 2001
Title : MULTI-SERVICE SEGMENTATION AND REASSEMBLY DEVICE
OPERABLE WITH EITHER A CELL-BASED OR A PACKET-
BASED SWITCH FABRIC

Grp./A.U. : 2616
Examiner : Duong, Duc T.

Docket No.: 15050

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Duong for meeting with the Applicants' representatives on July 31, 2007, to discuss the above-referenced application. His time and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

In furtherance to the interview of July 31, 2007, and an Interview Summary included with a Notice of Allowability mailed September 11, 2007, the Applicants hereby timely submit their statement of the substance of the interview.

At the time of the interview, claims 5, 11, 45, and 48 remained in the application. As pointed out, the Examiner previously indicated in an Office action dated June 12, 2007, that the subject matter of independent claims 5 and 11 is patentable. However, during the interview, the Examiner

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indicated that only claim 5 is allowable, and claim 11 would require further amendment.

The parties agreed that all of the claims except claim 5 would be cancelled to place the application in a condition for allowance. In light of the agreement between Examiner Duong and the Applicants' representatives, claim 5 has been allowed, and a Notice of Allowance was mailed on September 11, 2007.


The Applicants' representative, Alyssa Finamore, also spoke with Examiner Duong via telephone on October 12, 2007, regarding an information disclosure statement (IDS) included with an Office action dated September 21, 2005. The IDS cited three WO publications which were not initialed by the Examiner. However, Examiner Duong indicated that the references were considered, and he agreed to prepare a supplemental Notice of Allowability including an initialed copy of the IDS.

In close, the Applicants and their representatives would like to again thank Examiner Duong for his cooperation to facilitate the prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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